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To
the Allied Scientific Council
thru
ROYAL MONCEAU,
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Herzberger Landstr. 81

Being former President of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society for the Advancement of Science (1929 - 1937) and Senator of honour it is not only my heart's desire but as well a duty for me to pledge for it in these times.

The members of the Scientific Council are well informed about Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society. Since its foundation it kept its high scientific reputation and remained fully independent in its work and organization also under the Government of National Socialism. I believe it to be its special task to keep up those few fathoms of international collaboration still existing in times, when all those connections seem to be lost for Germany.

At the beginning of war the institutes of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society were very well equipped with regard to persons, instruments and finances. Even during the whole war they have been able to fulfil their proper task to promote fundamental-research, unirritated by the demands of war. After having inspected the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institutes during the passed weeks the Scientific Commissions may have gained the conviction that the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society does still justify its reputation of being the most valuable research-organization of Germany.

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For this reason I beg the Scientific Council of the Allied to further allow its work and to secure it by taking the corresponding measures.

The organization of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society has so well prooved during those 35 years since foundation that it may be granted to continue without essential changes. I regard it most important to get fundamental decisions about the following:

1.) Further existence of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society.
2.) Fixing those institutes which are supposed to remain within the frame of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society or may newly be taken in.
3.) Finances of institutes.
4.) Rescue of numerous valuable material.

As Dr. TELSCHOW, Chairman of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society with full power for the entire management, informed me, nearly all those Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institutes continue their work which are situated in the western zone. Almost the whole staff of collaborators of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society enclosing about 2000 persons is still together and forms a highly qualified scientific crew. I regard it to be the most important problem to save this community, and therefore a soon decision about the future of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society would be of special value.

Dr. TELSCHOW who was my collaborator in the direction of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society from 1930-1937 and who afterwards carried on the affairs of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society with full responsibility under the Presidents BOSCH and VÖGLER, is in the position to give any information desired which may be necessary for the final resolution of the Allied Scientific Council. He is alway at disposal.

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The office of the General Administration of Kaiser-Wilhelm-Society being destroyed in the Berlin Castle is now at Göttingen, Herzberger Landstraße Nr. 24 (office) or Nr. 22 (Dr.Telschows residence). -

After a long life it would mean a special satisfaction for me if I might close it with the certainty that the work I have been devoted to such a long time may be continued by scientists whose international reputation guarantees the purity of their will, the zeal of their striving and the sharpness of their intellect.

Yours very truly

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